

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
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MONICA JÖNSSON et al. ) Group Art Unit: (unassigned)  
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Application No.: (unassigned) ) Examiner: (unassigned)  
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Filed: October 5, 2001 )  
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For: PARENTERALLY ADMINISTRABLE )  
MICROPARTICLES )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application, filed concurrently herewith, as indicated.

**In the Claims:**

Kindly cancel Claims 43 and 44 without prejudice and substitute the following new Claims 58 and 59:

58. (New) Microparticles suitable for parenteral administration, preferably via injection, to a mammal, especially a human being, and containing a biologically active substance, which microparticles essentially consist of parenterally administrable, biodegradable starch as a matrix, which contains the biologically active substance in essentially non-chemically complex-bonded form and in the form of solid particles having a mean size within the range of 0.05-30  $\mu\text{m}$  in which the starch is of the kind defined in claim 6.

59. (New) Microparticles suitable for parenteral administration, preferably via injection, to a mammal, especially a human being, and containing a biologically active substance, which microparticles essentially consist of parenterally administrable, biodegradable starch as a matrix, which contains the biologically active substance in essentially non-chemically complex-bonded form and in the form of solid particles having a mean size within the range of 0.05-30  $\mu\text{m}$  which have a release-controlling shell obtained or formed according to claim 35.

**REMARKS**

The present Amendment modifies the claim format only so as to eliminate the use of multiple dependency.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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